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(e) whether each of the municipalities in the Presidency is allowed to elect only one member to the District Educational Council concerned or whether any of the municipalities are allowed more than one member and, if so, which they are and on what basis; and

(f) whether the number of seats allowed for the taluk boards in the Presidency which are not bifurcated has been reduced to one and, if so, on what basis?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Where municipalities formerly elected two members to these Councils their representation has now been reduced to one. This reduction is due to the necessity for giving new taluk boards representation on District Educational Councils without at the same time unduly increasing the size of these Councils.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) This election was made on 14th October 1932 and on the 8th December following Government passed an *interim* order to the effect that the question of a re-allocation of seats was then under consideration and that orders calling on local authorities to elect the prescribed number of members to the District Educational Council would be issued in due course. Orders having been subsequently passed reducing the number of seats to be filled up by the Salem Municipal Council, among others, to one, the President was informed on 24th April of this year that the particular election by the Municipal Council, Salem, could not be notified.

(*e*) No mufassal Council is allowed to elect more than one member to the District Educational Council.

(*f*) Not in all cases. For details as to the representation allowed to individual taluk boards, the attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 355, Education, dated the 4th March 1933, which was placed on the table of the House on the 17th March last.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*c*) may I know why this disability has been put on the Ootacamund Municipal Council by reducing the number of its representation from 2 to 1?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not know whether it arises out of this question. If it does, Sir, I want notice."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know, Sir, how long these district educational councils will continue to function?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"As long as we allow the Elementary Education Act to remain on the statute book as it is."